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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 6/13/2003 is entered.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the limitation "data processor" must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claims 1-17. No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) the invention was described in-
- (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
- (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).
- 4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith (US Patent 6,055,592).

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As to claim 1, Smith teaches a mouse connected to a personal computer (mouse, column 2, lines 42-44), comprising

a casing body (casing body shown in figure 1), provided with a space for housing a removable data storage medium therein (card 104, column 3, lines 7-12, figure 1), said removable data storage medium being usable as auxiliary storage by the personal computer computer 212 as shown in figure 2 using card data stored on card 104 as shown in figure 1), and

a data processor (card reader 106 shown in figure 2, column 3, lines 7-8), which communicates data between the personal computer (computer 30 shown in figure 2) and the removable data storage medium (card 104) housed in the casing body using the connection of the mouse to the personal computer.

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ugon (US Patent 5,341,421).

As to claim 1, Ugon teaches a mouse connected to a personal computer (pointing peripheral mouse, column 1, lines 6-7), comprising

a casing body (housing 18 shown in figure 4), provided with a space for housing a removable data storage medium therein (electronic medium 12, column 5, lines 44-45, portable article 25 in figure 4, memory and /or microcomputer module 44, column 8, lines 21-23), said removable data storage medium being usable as auxiliary storage by the personal computer (data processing machine, column 4, lines 64-65), and

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a data processor (microcomputer 44 in figure 6, column 8, lines 20-22), which communicates data between the personal computer (aforementioned data processing machine) and the removable data storage medium (aforementioned memory), housed in the casing body using the connection of the mouse to the personal computer (mouse connected to data processing machine via cord 31, column 7, lines 38-39, column 8, lines 56-58).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-17 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed on 6/13/2003 as to claim 1, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's argument as to cited art failing to teach removable data storage means is not valid because Smith teaches a removable card 104 (shown in figure 1), Ugon teaches a removable memory (column 8, lines 20-22)

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

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CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record but not relied upon is pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

US Patent 6,080,064 Pieterse et al.

Reference Pieterse et al. is made of record as it discloses a pointing device (joystick) comprising a housing for a removable smart card.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **FRANCIS N NGUYEN** whose telephone number is **703 308-8858**. The examiner can normally be reached during hours 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD A HJERPE** can be reached at 703 305 4709.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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October 24th, 2003

FRANCIS N NGUYEN Examiner Art Unit 2674